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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, which accompanies the Notice of Allowability dated January 21, 2004, indicates that the combination of elements recited in claim 1 is not taught by the prior art. It should be noted that claim 11 is a separate independent claim which recites a different combination of elements, and therefore has a different scope. As such, claim 11 should not be construed as being limited in any way by the specific combination of features identified in the statement of reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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